# Financial Planning for Deployment

Fleet and Family Support Center



# **Deployment Planning**

### **Deployment Planning**

- Increases Spending Power
- How would you like a 10% raise?

#### **Eliminates Stress**

Difficult to manage financial problems at sea

#### **Prepares You for the Future**



## **Important Documents**

#### **Powers of Attorney**

- General
  - Easy to take advantage of this type
- Specific
  - Limits authority
- Medical
  - Needed for children and dependents of single parents or dual military couples





## **Important Documents**

#### Will

- Important for both single and married Service Record Page 2
- Update emergency contact information
  DEERS and ID Cards
  - Check to see if ID cards will expire during deployment
- **SGLI Beneficiaries/TSP Beneficiaries** 
  - Keep your beneficiaries up to date



# Managing your Finances

- Monitor LES (most people look at two things)
- Savings (is it staying in savings)/TSP
- Factor in Pay Changes (FSA)
- Combat Overspending
- Wants vs. Needs



# **Spending Plan**

- Spending Plan will give you that 10% raise.
- How much can be spent while in port?
- Be realistic (can't take everything away)
- **70/20/10**
- Good communication with spouse, what is expected, how much would you like to have saved at the end of deployment?
- Planning a trip/vacation after deployment? How much will you need to put away for that?



## Financial Management Tools

#### **Allotments**

- Easy way to pay bills
- Set up 60 days in advance

## Split Pay/Navy Cash Card



## **Online Banking**

Consider automatic transfers





# **Credit Management During Deployment**

#### **Credit Reports**

- Obtain copies and check for accuracy ( www.annualcreditreport.com)
- Missed payments/late payments 7 Years
- Credit Score

#### **Good Time to Establish Credit**

#### **Credit Use**

- May be the best way to make purchases overseas
- Exchange rate is usually good
- What is your plan for paying the bills while deployed? Singles as well as couples need to discuss and have a plan that will work.



# Property Management During Deployment

### House/Apartment

- Leases
  - Will it expire?
- Payment arrangements.
  - How will you pay?
- Subletting
  - Thoroughly check out potential tenants
- Routine maintenance
  - Be sure spouse or tenant knows who to contact
- Insurance
  - **Insure contents of house or apartment**





# Vehicles

- Keep insurance, tags and inspection current
- Research storage options
- Check insurance for reduced rates if the vehicle is in storage



## Communication

#### **Phone**

- Budget for calls
- Use phone cards

#### **Regular Mail**

Slow but inexpensive

#### E-mail

- Access may be limited
- Content may not be private

#### **Emergency Communication**

**Be sure your family knows how to contact you in an emergency** 





## CLASSES/COUNSELING SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE

- Million Dollar Sailor (2-day class)
- Million Dollar Spouse (1 day)
- Savings and Investment Basics
- Car Buying
- TSP Classes
- Financial Counseling (confidential)/budgeting/credit cards/savings, etc)
- DIVO Financial Leadership Seminar



# **Sources of Help**

- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
- American Red Cross
- Fleet and Family Support Center
- Command Financial Specialist
- Command Ombudsman



## **Good Luck!**

- Complete Important Documents
- Create your Financial Plan
- Protect your Property

Have a safe and prosperous deployment!